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## Jorgensen Offers Help to McCain Foods Workers Following News of Fort Atkinson Plant Closure

MADISON – State Representative Andy Jorgensen (D-Milton) released the following statement regarding McCain Foods' decision to close its Fort Atkinson manufacturing plant, displacing 130 workers.

"So many people will feel the impact of McCain's closure, and my heart goes out to them. The loss of a job can present real challenges for a family. But, folks should know that they aren't alone.

"I'm here to help anyone navigate the state's unemployment system and explore educational opportunities and job search tools. Give me a call anytime, toll-free, at (888) 534-0043, and we'll work together to find a way forward."

Jorgensen also had this to say regarding motivating factors in the company's decision:

"It was troubling to hear McCain Foods' President Frank Finn say that the 'overall business climate' led the company to shutter the Fort Atkinson plant. This makes it painfully clear that the corporate tax breaks Republicans have pushed - at the expense of working families – are failing to stop job losses and get Wisconsin's economy back on track.

"I believe strongly that the state would be better off if we made firm commitments to support education on all levels, including worker training and retraining programs, to direct tax relief to the middle class, and to partner with business leaders in Wisconsin's backbone industries to target state aid in ways that will make a difference."

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